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1. SWEDISH GOVERNMENT DECIDED AT CABINET MEETING ON AUGUST 11
TO EXTEND SWEDEN'S FISHING LIMITS IN BALTIC AND SKAGERRAK
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1978. TALKS WITH COUNTRIES INVOLVED WILL
CONTINUE DURING FALL.

2. TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE FROM AGRICULTURE MINISTRY RUNS AN
IN INFORMAL TRANSLATION AS FOLLOWS:

"THE GOVERNMENT EXTENDS SWEDEN'S FISHING LIMITS.

"THE GOVERNMENT DECIDED AT TODAY'S MEETING TO EXTEND
SWEDEN'S FISHING ZONE. THE DECISION WILL TAKE EFFECT
ON JANUARY 1, 1978.

"THIS EXTENSION OF SWEDEN'S FISHING ZONE IS MOTIVATED
BY INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS IN WHICH AN INCREASING
NUMBER OF STATES HAVE EXTENDED THEIR FISHING LIMITS
TO THE MAXIMUM OF 200 NAUTICAL MILES. NORWAY AND THE
EC COUNTRIES HAVE EXTENDED THEIR FISHING LIMITS, WHICH
HAS AFFECTED SWEDISH FISHING IN THE NORTH SEA.

"THE PRESENT SITUATION IN THE BALTIC SEA IS NOT SATIS-
FACTORY FROM SWEDEN'S VIEWPOINT. AN EXTENDED FISHING
ZONE WILL BETTER THE CHANCES OF FURTHERING THE
INTERESTS OF SWEDEN'S FISHERIES. SWEDEN'S ABILITY TO
PUT A STOP TO EXCESSIVE FISHING IN THE BALTIC SEA WILL
ALSO BE IMPROVED.

"THE EXTENSION OF SWEDEN'S FISHING ZONE WILL INVOLVE
THE BALTIC SEA, INCLUDING THE GULF OF BOTHNIA, AND
THE SKAGERRAK. THE KATTEGAT WILL NOT BE AFFECTED BY
THE EXTENSION FOR THE TIME BEING.

"THE OUTER LIMITS OF SWEDEN'S FISHING ZONE IN RELATION
TO OTHER COUNTRIES WILL BE DECIDED BY SPECIAL AGREE-
MENTS. THESE DELIMITING QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED
IN THE PREPARATORY TALKS WHICH SWEDEN HAS HELD WITH
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STATES EARLIER IN THE YEAR. THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT
DESIRES THAT NEGOTIATIONS ON BOUNDARY QUESTIONS WILL
BE TAKEN UP DURING THE FALL.

"DURING THE FALL, THE GOVERNMENT WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSING
WITH OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE NEW SWEDISH FISHING ZONE.

"AGRICULTURE MINISTER ANDERS DAHLGREN WILL VISIT
SOVIETS FISHERIES MINISTER ALEXANDER ISHKOV AT THE
END OF AUGUST TO CONTINUE THE TALKS ON FISHING
QUESTIONS WHICH WERE BEGUN DURING ISHKOV'S VISIT TO
SWEDEN IN MAY THIS YEAR. IN SEPTEMBER, AGRICULTURE
MINISTER ANDERS DAHLGREN WILL ALSO BE ATTENDING A MIN-
ISTERIAL MEETING IN WARSAW TOGETHER WITH REPRESENTA-
TIVES OF ALL THE STATES BORDERING ON THE BALTIC."

3. MEDIA REPORTS OF GOS DECISION ALL INDICATE THAT
SWEDISH EXTENSION TO BALTIC MIDLINE WILL BE MADE FROM
EAST COAST OF ISLAND OF GOTLAND BUT COMMUNIQUE AVOIDS
ANY MENTION OF EXACT LOCATION OF FISHING LIMITS.
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